

**Amendments To The Specification:**

[0055] A convex portion 48 which is adapted to touch to the inner wall of the recessed part 21 of the cartridge holder 6 when the cartridge is properly positioned in cartridge holder 6 protrudes from bottom 43. Cartridge holder 6 is provided with a shape into which the convex portion can be inserted. Ink supply ports 30 for respectively fitting to the ink supply needles 10 are provided at the convex portion 48. Recessed parts 44-47 are formed on bottom 43 for receiving projections 12 to 16 ~~on~~projecting from the side of the cartridge holder 6. Recessed parts 44-47 are formed so that these ink supply ports 30 are put between the diagonal points of an imaginary quadrilateral.

[0085] Reference is now made to FIGS 23(a), 23(b) in which an embodiment of the invention to solve the above problems is provided. An ink cartridge 280 includes a plurality of ink housing chambers 81-85. A respective ink supply port 91-95 is provided in each housing chamber 81-85. It is desirable that a slant part 106 wider on the side of the ink housing chamber from the side of the ink supply port 93 is formed in a protruding part 105 which protrudes toward the ink housing chamber 83. A filter 104 is affixed to projection ~~104~~105 as shown in Fig. 23(b). The slant part 106 may be ~~arcuate~~arcuate if desired, so that air bubbles may be guided more effectively to the ink supply port 93.